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Police step up patrols

Homecoming-
Halloween weekend
sparks increase in crime

By IJ CHAN
The Breeze

Two weeks ago, many JMU students and alumni were celebrating Halloween and Homecoming, but they weren't the only ones out.

Lt. Roger Knott of the Harrisonburg Police Department said that last weekend, HPD received about 591 calls from Thursday to Saturday night. On a normal weekend, Knott said HPD usually receives about 80 to 100 calls.

Olivia Hilder, a freshman health sciences major, was out with her friends all three nights.

"It was crazy," Hilder said. "I was pretty pleased with the fact that everybody went out — even though it was a Thursday night, everyone went out."

Knott said there were anywhere from 12 to 20 officers out patrolling at any time last weekend — on most weekends there are eight to 15 officers patrolling. The officers were divided up and assigned to patrol different off-campus housing areas around Harrisonburg, he said.

The HPD, he added, didn't draft officers to work overtime. Instead, it used the officers already assigned to work those nights.

"We had to make adjustments," Knott said. "We didn't have our special operations people — our bikes, our K-9s — we utilized them, pulled them in and detailed them out in teams to help. We managed with what we had."

On Nov. 1 and Nov. 2, Knott said the total number of crimes such as rape, robbery and aggravated assault totaled 13. Property crimes like vandalism and theft from a building totaled 58.

Longtime Harrisonburg residents Julia Alderfer-Stauffer and her husband Michael Stauffer don't live near any students, but said they understand the community's concerns over students potentially being too disruptive.

"If I was living next door to someone who was partying and trashing the yard, I'd be pretty upset ... I'd probably call the police," Julia said.

Julia said that while she appreciates the benefits businesses reap from the rising student population, students need to respect the Harrisonburg community.

"Most JMU students — they come from well-to-do families and they live in very well-kept communities," she said. "If people [were partying] in their neighborhoods, their parents would be having a fit, so why would they come to the community here and do the same?"

Knott, who was out patrolling on Nov. 1, said in addition to students, many JMU alumni were also partying. The weather, he said, also made it easier for people to go out.

"It was much warmer and people could wear what they wanted, and not

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Breaking ground

Construction for the new apartment-style housing has begun on West Grace Street



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The Grace Street flats are under construction and will be completed by fall of 2015. Retail space and food service areas are planned near the courtyard.

By STEVE WILDEMANN
contributing writer

For students who are not quite ready to embrace off-campus living, JMU is giving students a new choice for "on-campus" living with the feel of an off-campus style apartment. In the fall of 2015, JMU will welcome a new residence hall to campus.

JMU has recently started construction on what will be the university's only on-campus style apartments in the 2015-16 academic year.

The apartments will house sophomores and juniors.

According to Patty Long from the Office of Residence Life, about 40 percent of freshmen return to live on campus their sophomore year because that is all JMU's current on-campus capacity can accommodate. This new facility will allow for even more upperclassmen to live on campus in the near future.

Currently referred to by the Office of Residence Life as the Grace Street flats, the new

complex will be located in the area between Grace Street and Cantrell Avenue along Walnut Lane. The name for the new residence hall is still under deliberation.

This location was previously home to the on-campus apartments. According to Kevin Meaney, interim director of Residence Life, the existing structures on Walnut Lane and Grace Street were very old and would have been too expensive to maintain or upgrade.

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Dukes start with a bang

Women's basketball avenges last season's 78-57 loss against U.Va.

By WAYNE EPPS JR.
The Breeze

It's been 593 days since the last time JMU women's basketball beat the University of Virginia.

Senior guard Kirby Burkholder surpassed the millennium career scoring mark Friday night at the Convocation Center, helping JMU hand the University of Virginia its first season-opening loss since 2004, when it fell to Arizona State University. The Dukes overcame an early deficit to beat the Cavaliers 63-46.

JMU last beat U.Va. in the 2012 WNIT quarterfinals at home en route to an appearance in the tournament finals.

Burkholder, the preseason Colonial Athletic Association Player of the Year, led all scorers with 24 points and had a career-high 16 rebounds. Her 9-10 performance at the free throw line in the first half largely put JMU back into the game and helped avenge the Dukes' 78-57 loss at U.Va. last season.

"We definitely had a salty taste in our mouth from last year,"

Burkholder said. "And this always has been kind of back-and-forth between us and it's a rivalry, so we were ready to come out and show who was the better team."

The major difference in the game was JMU's advantage on the boards and its press defense on the Cavaliers. JMU out-rebounded U.Va. 49-26 for the game, as the Cavaliers struggled to work out of their zone defense.

"I just thought [JMU] had a fight about them tonight. When things weren't going our way, we lost kind of what we need to be able to do out of that zone," U.Va. head coach Joanne Boyle said. "If we're going to play matchup zone, we got to be able to rebound out of it. We didn't make them have to fight for rebounds, I thought they came easy for them."

Even though U.Va. jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the beginning of the first half, JMU managed to outscore the Cavaliers 33-13 for the rest of the half. The Dukes took advantage

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Sophomore guard Angela Mickens was 3-6 from the field in Friday's 63-46 win.

DUKES FALL IN CAA FINAL

Northeastern triumphs to win CAA championship, JMU will hope for at-large bid to NCAA tournament



HOLLY WARFIELD / THE BREEZE

Forward Lauren Wilson volleys a ball in the second half in Sunday's 3-1 loss to Hofstra.

By ANDY LOHMAN
The Breeze

You can't always get what you want.

Even though the Dukes' run to the Colonial Athletic Association Championship ended with a 3-1 loss to Northeastern University on Sunday, but the season was still a success. JMU went from not qualifying for the CAA tournament last year to hosting the semifinals and finals as the regular season champs and top seed.

The Dukes finished the regular season with a record of 14-4-1, going 6-1-1 in conference play and were ranked 37th in the most recent Rating Percentage Index rankings. The committee that selects the field for the NCAA playoffs uses the RPI rankings as a factor in their decisions for the 64-team tournament. JMU's record and RPI could earn them an at-large bid.

"[JMU] has had a tremendous season," Northeastern head coach Tracey Leone said. "They have every right

to be an at-large bid."

As host and top seed, JMU received a bye through to the semifinals on Friday night when it hosted fourth-seeded Hofstra University. The Dukes won that game 3-1 with goals from junior forward Katie Hyland, redshirt junior defender Sam Lofton and freshman midfielder Allie Bunner. The Dukes had ended the regular season with a tie at Hofstra, but the win on Friday put them through to the championship game.

"It's a great lift for our program," head coach Dave Lombardo said. "It started last spring when we sort of drew a line in the sand and said, 'This is not where JMU women's soccer should be.'"

JMU came out of halftime of the CAA final down 2-1, but then dominated the game in the second half; the Dukes had eight shots in the period compared to only one for the Huskies. However, that one shot was a goal by senior

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Are JMU's attendance policies too strict? Not strict enough? What do you think?

It's one thing if after skipping, a student then slows everyone else down by asking the professor to cover material they missed again, but if they're just not showing up without disrupting anybody, how is that any of your business?

Luke Wachob | via Facebook

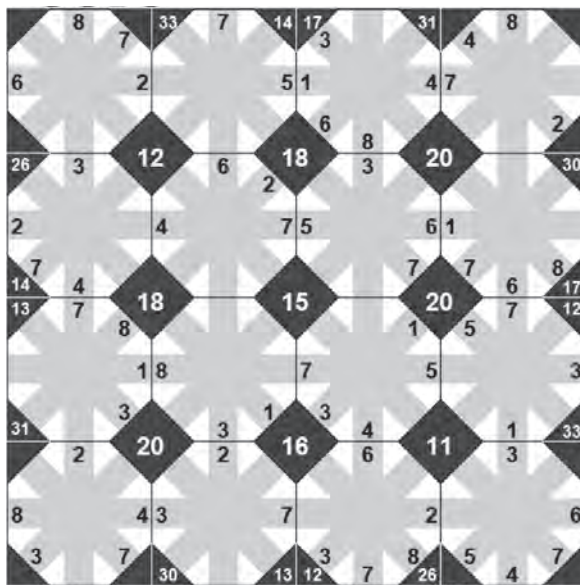
Attendance should be up to the professor, not students. A student is not compelled to take a particular professor's class; if they do not like the attendance policy, either a) tough luck, or b) find another section (If you really care, you will plan instructors in advance).

Jeffrey Smith | via Facebook

Class attendance should be absolutely optional. There's no two ways about it.

Joey Horton | via Facebook

The OCTO puzzle

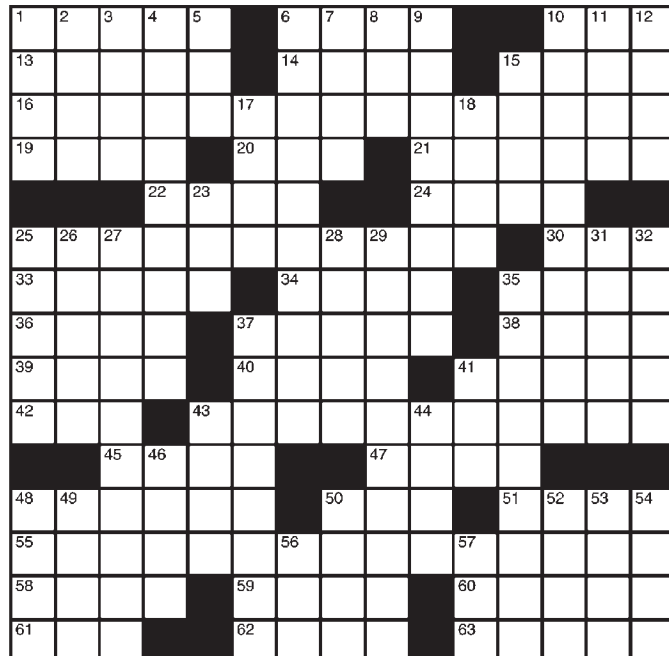


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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS
1 Michael who plays Alfred in many Batman movies
6 Mess maker
10 Remote
13 Lightweight synthetic
14 Nothing, in Nicaragua
15 Scheme in which three of four lines rhyme
16 First two reindeer named in Rudolph's song
19 Jai ___
20 Fury
21 Baseball legend Mickey
22 It has a trunk but no wheels
24 Layered cookie
25 Use a mouse to move a file between folders, say
30 Queue between Q and U
33 Charged, infantry-style
34 The Beatles' "Abbey ___"
35 Administer, as justice, with "out"
36 Eden exile
37 Thorax organs
38 Thor's father
39 Book part
40 Former Atlanta arena
41 Lopsided
42 Make a typo
43 List of behavioral recommendations
45 Cry of dismay
47 Ten-speed unit
48 Prisoner
50 "How can ___ sure?"
51 Ring of light
55 2003 prequel subtitled "When Harry Met Lloyd"
58 Many Keats poems
59 Stunt rider Knievel
60 Sprinkles or drizzles
61 Was in first



By Erik Agard

62 "Don't touch that ___!"
63 Supplement

DOWN

1 Sonata ending
2 Inland Asian sea
3 "Casablanca" heroine
4 Diamond gem
5 Santa Barbara-to-Las Vegas dir.
6 Marching band percussion instruments
7 Freeway division
8 Unusual
9 Snits
10 Accounted for, as during calculations
11 36-Across' second son
12 Steak request
15 Diarist Frank
17 Nothing, in Nice
18 50-and-over org.
23 Critter before or after pack
25 Fall in folds
26 Plane tracker

Thursday's puzzle solved



27 Made "latent" from "latent," e.g.
28 Prima ___
29 1980 De Niro film about a boxer
31 Clown heightener
32 Camp shelters
35 British heavy metal band with the album "Ace of Spades"
37 Not as tight as before

41 Cavity filler's org.
43 Census gathering
44 Regard
46 Research sites
48 Revered entertainer
49 Naked
50 Inventor's spark
52 Bone-dry
53 Gave for a while
54 Roughly
56 506, in old Rome
57 Bikini top

NATION & WORLD

Siracha sauce in heated conflict

LOS ANGELOS, Calif. — The creator of Sriracha hot sauce said Friday that his company might have gone bankrupt if the city of Irwindale, Calif., had successfully stopped production at the facility in response to smell complaints from nearby residents.

According to a statement issued to *The Los Angeles Times*, Huy Fong Foods would have suffered a \$10 million loss if a judge had granted the city's request for a temporary restraining order. The judge denied the city's request for the order at a hearing on Oct. 31. A Nov. 22 hearing will decide whether the city's request for a preliminary injunction to stop operations at the factory is granted.

David Tran's comments were the most combative so far in a highly publicized conflict during which the company has largely kept the tone of its public statements conciliatory.

"Suppose if the city chose never to issue another business license to the company? Who would be left to run this company's operations? The city of Irwindale?" the CEO asked in the statement.

Irwindale city officials said that

they have to take all necessary actions to combat what some residents say is a serious public health issue. They received reports of burned eyes, inflamed asthma and one family said an entire birthday party fled indoors after the spicy smell descended on the festivities.

"Given how long it's going on, we had no choice but to institute this action," said Irwindale City Attorney Fred Galante to *The Los Angeles Times*.

Colleges offer lifeline to Syrian scholars

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Syrian students and professors, who often risked death, imprisonment and possibly even danger to their families, just to get to school, have now had their lives transformed by scholarships and fellowships that brought them to college campuses around the world to study and teach.

Montclair State University, Felician College and Fairleigh Dickinson University are among 40 colleges in several countries that joined a partnership launched by the Institute of International Education a year ago called the Syria Consortium for Higher

Education in Crisis.

"The situation for higher education in Syria right now is catastrophic," said Daniela Kaisth, vice president of external affairs for the Institute of International Education. "Actual physical buildings have been damaged, destroyed and are filled with refugees."

Mohamad Bassel Khair, who is earning a graduate degree at Montclair State University, said his scholarship took him and his wife away from a place where death always loomed.

In July 2012, a bomb blew in the windows of the clinic where he worked, and he suffered a hand injury. He and his wife were threatened for aiding refugees and because his wife, a journalist, had posted opinions on her Facebook page against violence, he said. Relatives were arrested, and one was tortured, he said.

Khair fled to Egypt, where he got the news about the full scholarship for graduate studies at Montclair State University.

"When I got the email, I started crying. My wife was crying. It was a dramatic moment. I was so happy," said Khair, 26, who enrolled this semester and is studying nutrition and food science. "When we arrived here, we started to sleep better, eat better," he said. "We are relaxed now, but every day you hear about someone [who has been killed]."

Thirty militants killed in Kenyan-Somali operation

MANILA — Philippine rescue workers struggled Sunday to reach areas devastated by one of the world's strongest typhoons. Typhoon Haiyan cut off power, knocked out communications, damaged airports and blocked roads with debris when it ripped through the eastern and central Philippines, making passage difficult for relief teams.

The airport in the hard-hit province of Leyte was "washed out" and only military cargo planes have been able to land on the runway, said Energy Secretary Jericho Petilla, a former governor of the eastern province.

"We don't have an airport there now," he told a Manila radio interview. "Sometimes I don't know what we will do. The damage is overwhelming."

The confirmed death toll from Haiyan was 151, mostly from Leyte's capital city of Tacloban where bodies lined streets. Nearly 800,000 were displaced, according to national disaster relief agency spokesman Reynaldo Balido.

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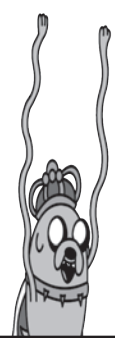
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Zipcar usage increases at JMU

Discounts and promotional codes allow students easy access to rental cars

By **ERIN FLYNN**
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Students living on and off campus constantly face the issue of getting around Harrisonburg. For those without a car, Zipcar is another option for getting around.

Located in the parking lot of the JMU Bookstore, Zipcar has experienced a steady increase in memberships since its introduction to JMU last year.

Zipcar representative and junior business management major Dylan Katcher said Zipcar has experienced a growth of 60 members within the past two months.

The convenient, flexible and affordable car service saves students from the hassles of owning a car.

Lindsay Wester, Zipcar's public relations specialist, explained that since its founding in 2000, Zipcar has spread to more than 300 colleges and universities.

"We know that college students quickly embraced the concept of car-sharing," Wester said. "This is the same generation that buys music by the song. Reserving a shared car by the hour is a natural extension."

According to a press release, Zipcar has more than 777,000 members in total. The company has 9,700 vehicles located among college campuses and urban areas throughout the United States, Austria, Spain, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Zipcar allows students without access to cars to run errands, plan day trips and enjoy the freedom of "renting" a car — all without the hassle of using the JMU Shopper Bus, or worrying about not having enough gas money.

According to Katcher, after registering, students receive a "ZipCard," — which, when held over the windshield, opens the car. Once a student's card arrives in the mail, students can reserve the car within minutes by using the Zipcar mobile app or online at Zipcar.com. A chart found online and on the app will let students know if either the two Zipcars at JMU are available.

Katcher explained that with the student promotion code, the \$35 yearly registration fee is reduced to \$25 and students receive \$50 in driving credit.

Organization leaders, student ambassadors and student leaders (including RAs), also have access to a link, which allows



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The two Zipcars available at JMU are parked in the JMU Bookstore lot. Zipcar has spread to more than 300 colleges and universities since 2000.

them free registration for their own personal use. Then, they can "pay as they go," with the normal rate of \$7.50 per hour and \$69 per day.

There is also the "Students with Drive" program that student organizations can participate in.

Tony Enslow, Zipcar's account supervisor, explained that for this grant program Zipcar partnered with Ford Motor Co. to allow student groups to enter for a chance to win up to \$5,000 in driving credit. There are several categories groups can enter, including academics, athletics, arts, student life and community service. Three winners from each category are chosen every month and the two runner-ups can win between \$500 and \$1,000 in driving credit.

Chelsea Clark, a senior communication studies major, is the other JMU Zipcar representative. Clark explained that Zipcar has two representatives appointed on each college campus hosting the program and each program gets two cars.

Clark explained that by promoting awareness about Zipcar at a younger age, students are able to understand the Zipcar process if they decide to move to a bigger city, where owning a car isn't always an option.

Morgan Larcara, a sophomore communication sciences and disorders major who used Zipcar as a freshman last year, had a positive experience with the company.

"They make it a very easy process to reserve a car and send you reminder texts about when the car is due or even ask if you need to add length to your reservation. All you have to do is reply to the text and it's as simple as that," Larcara said.

The availability of cars was another positive aspect that Larcara mentioned. There was always a car available whenever she went to reserve one, which she found to be a nice perk, especially when it came to running last minute errands.

Clark explained that there is an allowance of 180 miles each time the car is used, whether it's one hour or one day. The

mileage limit can also serve as a mileage "bank," so the mileage can't be used in only one day, but can be spread out each time it's used. An example of this would be if a student has reserved the car for three days.

If the student had to drive 250 miles one way, and then 250 miles back, they still have the 40 unused before mileage rates apply, according to Clark.

Larcara views the mileage limit given for each reservation as one of the few negatives of the car service.

"It's a super frustrating situation if it's something you didn't keep your eye on and if you go over, it could make you spend a lot more than you intended to for your reservation."

Wester said while the increase in cars found on campuses doesn't seem likely within the next couple of years, expanding the service to other college and university campuses is foreseeable.

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HOUSING | Each apartment to feature two bedrooms and two bathrooms

from front

Meaney explained that the new facility will allow students to be close to campus, the Forbes Center for Performing Arts, Veterans Memorial Park (the baseball stadium), Memorial Hall, the Quad and the new Student Success Center.

Because JMU also owns the parking lot next to the Walnut Lane property, it will be able to increase the size of the apartment building by using the entire area between Walnut Lane and the railroad tracks. This will allow JMU to construct a 500+ bed facility as opposed to the previous structures there that existed previously that only housed around 90 beds.

"The hall itself will be beautiful. These are attractive apartments in a beautiful building with many shared study spaces and social spaces, including a central outdoor green area and recreation area," Meaney said.

The new complex will offer great amenities that are not available in existing on-campus housing. Each apartment will house four people and will consist of two bedrooms, two full bathrooms, a living area, a dining area and a full kitchen.

"I think this new facility will be a great choice for students who are torn between living on campus and living in an apartment," said Joshua Pizza, a freshman graphic design

major.

For students who do not have a car at JMU, the new housing location will be convenient for students.

"Since they will be very close to campus and other places nearby, upperclassmen with cars will be able to save a lot of money on gas," Pizza said.

Anna Kocka, a sophomore interdisciplinary liberal studies major and resident adviser in Ikenberry Hall in the Village, thinks the new residence hall will be a good addition to campus.

"I think this facility will be a happy medium for students who want more freedom to live in an apartment and parents who want to make sure their children are in a safe environment," Kocka said. "The location [of the residence hall] is very convenient for education majors, like myself, and any other students who would have classes in Memorial Hall or in the Quad area," Kocka said. "I would definitely consider being an RA in this new facility."

Students can sign up to live in the on-campus apartment in the 2014-15 academic year. Construction on the facility is expected to be completed by the summer of 2015 and will start housing students that fall.

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The former parking lot between Walnut Lane and the railroad tracks will house part of the new building.

CRIME | Police also increase presence during first few weekends of the year

from front

worry about the weather being a factor," he said.

Officers from the JMU Police Department also aided in off-campus patrols.

According to Lee Shifflett, chief of JMUPD, there are four officers dedicated to off-campus patrols every weekend. He said these officers work alongside HPD in responding to calls.

While there is always a minimum of two JMUPD officers out patrolling, during Homecoming weekend, there were always at least four JMUPD officers working every night Oct. 30 through Nov. 2.

Aside from Halloween and Homecoming, Shifflett said there are other weekends throughout the year when there's an increased police presence, including the first few weeks of the fall semester.

Shifflett added that while JMU students have certain expectations from the police, the police also expect students to be responsible.

"I think the students think that if you're 21 you can't have a party, well, you can have a party — if you're 18 you can have a party, but you can't have alcohol," he said.

"Sometimes we do a buddy system. If there's a lot of people we always make sure there's two to three people in groups who stay together. I always keep a count on all my girls to make sure — 'Yep, we have all nine of us, we're good.' "

Olivia Hilder
freshman health sciences major

He urged students to call HPD's non-emergency line to register their parties. Registering parties allows the police to directly contact the host of a party if there's a noise complaint, rather than sending officers to the location.

Shifflett also said students' best defense against being victims

of crime is by being aware of their surroundings. They should take precautions, such as locking their windows and doors, as well as being mindful of who they're letting into their parties.

He added that students shouldn't hesitate to contact the police if something gets out of hand.

"The biggest thing is to trust your gut," Shifflett said. "If your gut's telling you something's wrong, it's likely that it is."

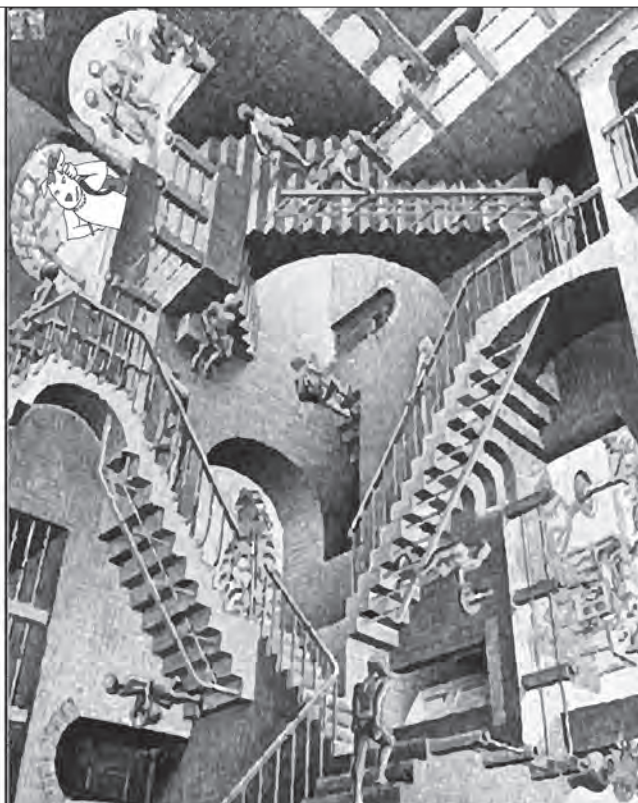
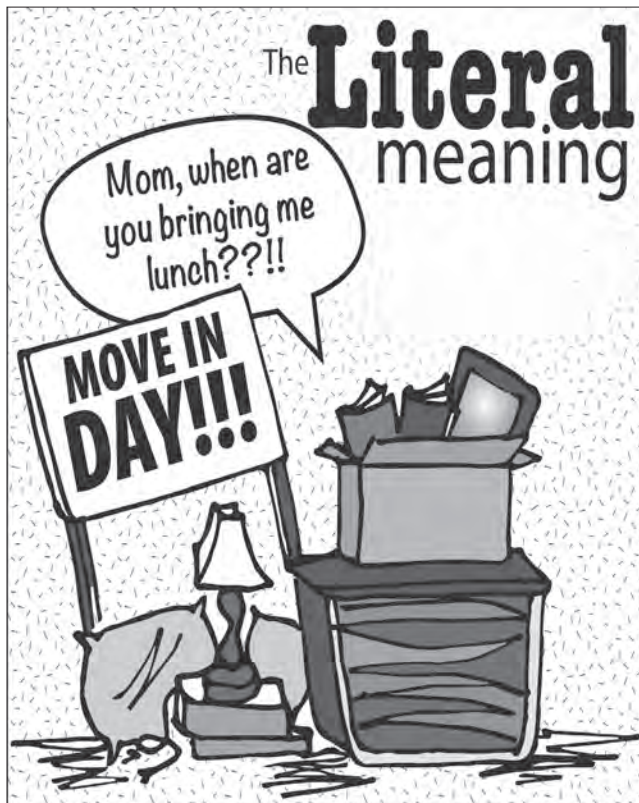
Hilder said she and her friends take their own precautions on the weekends to stay safe.

"Sometimes we do a buddy system. If there's a lot of people we always make sure there's two to three people in groups who stay together," she said. "I always keep a count on all my girls to make sure — 'Yep, we have all nine of us, we're good.' "

She added that although she feels safe going out, she tries to be more assertive and aware of her surroundings when she's in potentially dangerous situations.

"I did take a self-defense class, so I feel comfortable that I can defend myself," she said. "I always make sure that my head's up, I always make sure to be really confident when I'm walking around by myself."

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Furthering education is always worth it

Bachelor's degrees are the new high school diploma on a résumé

At some point during their college career, most students ask themselves the age-old question, "Should I go to graduate school?" I'll answer that one for you with yet another question, "Do you like money?" Honestly, I am not that narrow-minded. However, I do think graduate school is worth it.

The students of our generation are no longer the sons and daughters of baby boomers. It used to be that people went to college in order to put themselves ahead of others, and ultimately get a high-paying job. Nowadays, bachelor's degrees are about as common as an informational email from JMU. Not to mention schools like the University of Phoenix are selling degrees online like hotcakes.

The days of first-generation college students have essentially disappeared. I tell people that I will be the first person in my immediate family with a B.A. and most are shocked.

Those first-generation graduates have now grown up and instilled their work ethics into the kids walking around campus today. Entering the work force after high school has acquired a stigma of laziness, while the kids whose parents are paying their tuition look down on those who support themselves. Subsequently, undergraduate programs have such large populations that they feel like high school.

In essence, a master's degree has become the new bachelor's degree. Graduates now have to take their education to a whole new level in order to stand out

from the crowd. While this may require more work and money, it most certainly isn't worthless. Grad school is a more in-depth and practical continuation of education. Aside from becoming an expert in a subject, it is a bridge into the "real world" that rouses fear in the hearts of each senior class.

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Courses with applications give students the chance to enter whatever field of work they're pursuing, all while still mastering the material. Whether a prospective career is information or performance-based, there is always something to be learned. It is impossible for an English major to analyze every book ever published, similarly to how a nurse can never have enough practice

taking care of others. A graduate program hones skills and provides students the confidence to reach their goals.

Compare that to students who enters a career straight out of college. There is a strong chance that they have never held a serious full-time job, and just spent at least four years focusing all of their energy on their course load. Add on the fact that partying and extracurriculars were main priorities, and these people don't seem quite ready to become a working adults.

I understand that it's a massive stereotype, but outside of the economy, there has to be an explanation for the headlines on how college graduates don't have jobs. Perhaps it's because all of the open occupations are going to people who went the extra mile with their education. That extra mile is also an asset in itself. Does every employer want to see you had an upward of seven college years? No, but that much dedication to a field before entering it officially is something that most would appreciate.

Master's degrees do not create "career students," but rather experienced professionals. Respected positions like doctors and lawyers require lengthy educations, and there's no reason why all students should not follow the same path and become masters in their field.

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JESSICA WILLIAMS | in plain English

It's OK to say "no" to grad school

Save yourself the time, money and misery and get a job

The idea of going to school for another two years makes me physically ill, but I suppose people need a better answer to the question, "Why aren't you going to graduate school?" Honestly, there are a lot of reasons why I'm not going.

The first is that I'm an English and writing, rhetoric and technical communication double major (say that 10 times fast) and I don't see a need to earn a master's or doctorate in either degree. I understand that there are certain majors, like communication sciences and disorders or business, where graduate school is becoming a necessity — but I want to be a writer, and the best way to get better at writing is to write, which I can do without spending another \$60,000 or more (if I'm going to live in a cardboard box with a paper and pen, I might as well do it without graduate school debt).

I'm also ready to stop studying and start working. Our generation has been afforded the opportunity to have an extended childhood by going to college, and it seems like some people use graduate school as a barrier to protect themselves from the "real world" when they should just get it over with — rip off the Band-Aid. Americans used to dive into the deep end right out of high school because they had to, but now we have this four-year transition period, and because of that we think the perfect job should be handed to us with our degree. That's not going to happen, whether or not you go to graduate school. Regardless of the degree you hold, it's not going to be the golden ticket to a life of luxury.

Besides, graduate school changes people. There's an episode of "30

Rock" where Jack and Liz say in unison, "Graduate students are the worst" and they usually are. They're stressed and run on very little sleep, plus they're weighed down with debt. There's no time to get out and live life. My roommates, who are currently in the process of applying, are already consumed by it. I don't think I've gone a single day without hearing the word GPA from one of them.

And despite the media's insistence that graduate school is always a good decision, there are students who regret going. There's an article in *The Daily Californian* titled, "Ode from a withered graduate student," where the author, an English and history double major, explains why she wishes she had gotten a job after college instead of choosing to stay in school.

"There is worth in study, and there is value in the act of resurrecting the past from dust-covered pages or routinely pipetting test samples," she says. "But if you're thinking of going to graduate school right after college, heed this suggestion: Before you study life, you should live some of it first."

I stand by my decision to graduate this year for good. There are people who think I don't have the guts to go to grad school, but I think it's the other way around. I have the guts to say "no." I don't expect to make a six-figure salary any time soon, but all good things take time. Who knows? Maybe one day I'll have a wall of awards next to my framed bachelor's degree.

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A "y'all-are-wonderful" pat to all of the volunteers who helped pack 35,000 meals with Stop Hunger Now on Tuesday night.

From a fellow volunteer who is sad we didn't reach our goal of 40,000 but happy to see so many eager people step up and help out.

A "kindness-has-no-cost" pat to the upperclassman who stopped and picked up my fallen papers as I struggled to keep 10 books balanced in Carrier Library on Tuesday.

From an appreciative freshman struggling to maintain an acceptable GPA and pulling an all-nighter, who was reminded of why he chose JMU.

A "thanks-for-reigniting-my-hope-in-humanity" pat to the

young Route 39 bus driver who cut off vulgar chants from intoxicated passengers, saying that he found them to be "demeaning, deplorable and disgusting," and they would not be tolerated on his bus.

From a woman who loved your class in spite of the rowdy Halloween crowd.

A "dine-and-dash" dart to the group of hospitality students who never put their chairs and tables back after rearranging them.

From a sport and recreation management class that knows how to clean up its mess.

A "why-are-you-even-here?" dart to the sorority biddies talking and giggling in the quiet section of the library.

From a sleep-deprived and

grumpy first-year graduate student who actually went there to get work done.

A "you-put-the-social-in-social-media" pat to JMU Dining Services for always responding on Twitter and doing so in a positive way.

From a student who appreciates that you actually care.

A "get-outta-town" dart to Northern Virginia for single-handedly turning Virginia into a blue state over the last five years.

From a student who thinks NoVa should be considered a part of Washington D.C., and stop embarrassing the rest of Virginia.

An "it-didn't-go-unnoticed" pat to the woman I saw offer, and then push, a guy's wheelchair up the Quad on Friday when he was struggling.

From an onlooker who was touched by your kindness and wished they had told you in person.

A "Wayne-the-pain-train" pat

to Wayne Epps Jr. for doing work on the sidelines of the U.Va.-JMU women's basketball game.

From a Duke who can't wait to see you on Fox Sports one day.

A "there's-no-place-like-home" pat to the best school ever, where you can leave your wallet somewhere for two hours and come back to it with all its belongings right where you left them.

From a forgetful and very relieved student who knows that wouldn't be the case elsewhere.

A "thanks-for-joining-me" pat to the Valley Mall for putting up Christmas decorations as soon as possible.

From a student who's been listening to Christmas music since October and was excited to see Santa sitting in his chair, waiting to ask kids what they wanted.

A "you-drive-me-crazy" dart to my car twin who's always parked in the Grace Street Deck.

From a student who frequently gets our cars confused.

An "I'm-so-glad-I-went-to-your-culture-show" pat to the Asian Student Union for hosting an awesome event.

From a student who is happy to have learned something about the different Asian cultures.

A "counting-the-days-hours-and-minutes" pat to Thanksgiving break.

From a senior who feels like it's been years since summer and needs the savory gravy-covered freedom that the holidays provide.

A "you-guys-are-too-cool-for-school" pat to my personal narrative class for always providing great feedback on essays and never judging people.

From a student who looks forward to going to class and hearing all of the amazing stories.

A "you-shattered-my-windshield-and-my-heart" dart to the person who decided to throw a rock at my car.

From a student who hears they're calling for snow tomorrow and doesn't want a backseat full of it.

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RACHEL PETTY | contributing columnist

We should be filling the seats

Football attendance has been disappointingly low

JMU is well known for Bridgeforth Stadium, an impressive football team and most importantly, dedicated fans. However, this past season, it appears that students are less interested in the game than the events surrounding it. Why is this happening? There are a few reasons JMU students may not be putting football on the top of their lists.

The party scene at JMU is undoubtedly prominent, especially on Saturday nights — when the football team plays. Some may wonder why students don't cheer on the Dukes and party afterwards; however, tailgates often take precedence over the actual sporting event.

Tailgating students may get so caught up with drinking and partying that they disregard the game entirely. An anonymous student said, "Football games are fun, but partying is more fun. I may go for the first half, but it gets boring after a while."

This is the problem. Students think the games are "boring." In my opinion, if football attendance was higher, the games would be a lot more exciting, and more people would be willing to go and stay for the entire game. Crowded bleachers, a sea of purple and flying streamers all add to the amazing atmosphere we could create here at JMU.

The school has spent a great deal of money on recent renovations to Bridgeforth as well as in the Convocation Center; JMU is putting its best foot forward in order to ensure that our sports teams and fans receive the best

treatment possible.

As a community, it is our job to give this effort back. Representing JMU at sporting events in a put-together and respectful manner is part of our duty as students. After all, school spirit is one of the main perks of being a Duke.

"I would be really upset to see the school spirit die down," freshman biology major Kim Eldridge said. "One of the main reasons I came here was for the exciting atmosphere at football games, and I don't want to lose that."

Some may wonder why students don't cheer on the Dukes and party afterwards; however, tailgates often take precedence over the actual sporting event.

The only way we can change this is by making an effort. JMU students are among the friendliest and most dedicated in the country — so let's put in the effort to cheer on our fellow Dukes in their last home matchup this weekend.

The game is this Saturday, Nov. 16 against Stony Brook. It's also Senior Night; so let's fill the stadium loud and proud, and show JMU how much we truly care about our athletes and school.

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JMU needs to accept that we can't have it all

Administration funds majority of projects with tuition, yet we have no say

JMU's value statement says that we are a "student-centered community," but it seems to be more of a thriving "money-centered community" these days.

The administration is currently planning construction for a larger Convocation Center to house the basketball program, with an expected price tag of about \$88 million, and a Student Success Center that costs \$77,499,905. Plans for the future are too expensive to be sustainable.

The administration's hope for JMU to become a strong liberal arts and research university, coupled with a possible athletics conference move and multiple new facilities, is going to cost the students too much with too little a reward. As JMU continues to spend more of its students' money — increasing tuition and fees each year to pay for continued expansion — we need to think about what our value statement is as students. Should we sit idle as the university makes decisions with our money?

There is a reason why many schools across America don't share the same educational objectives as JMU. To be both a small liberal arts school with a low student-to-faculty ratio and a large research university with impressive facilities is an expensive objective. Instead of talking about increasing our athletics' budget with a conference move, or building more capital

projects, we should be taking a step back and focusing on what we want out of our education. It appears that JMU, among other universities, has become not only an institution of higher learning, but a thriving "business," that is vying for national attention. With an emphasis on attracting new students and gaining recognition, JMU is trying for too much too soon.

To be both a small liberal arts school with a low student to faculty ratio and a large research university with impressive facilities is an expensive objective.

From the 2009-2010 school year to now, tuition rates for in-state tuition have risen 26.6 percent and 22 percent for out-of-state students. If we continue to raise the cost of tuition, JMU is going to become unaffordable and the dazzle of a new Convocation Center is not going to be enough to convince students and their families to go into debt.

If we compare JMU to the American government, and tuition to federal taxes, it

would be ridiculous to raise the cost each year. Instead, the administration should be looking for places to cut spending. What can we save money on? While it is understandable that tuition has to go up as state funds decrease, it's unacceptable to believe that the only solution is for students to front the bill. The administration needs to look at other aspects of the university and should be in the "cost-control" mindset — not the "spending-without-consequences" mindset.

While we enjoy the amenities JMU has to offer and believe that athletics does fit into the university's plan, moving forward we need to take a second look at our own values. What do we value in our education and our four-year experience here at JMU? Is it worth having more debt post-graduation to have nice things? That is a question only the students can answer. It's up to the students to be heard, and it's important that they feel as though they are being heard by the administration.

We argue that JMU needs to realign its mission, figure out what the students want and become a university receptive to students' interests. When deciding on multi-million dollar projects and long-term goals, we only ask that the administration take into account the group that will be signing the check.

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They see *dead people*

JMU Ghost Hunters hold investigation into supposed haunting of a Northern Virginia home

By **JOANNA MORELLI**
The Breeze

Two hours up I-81 lies a nearly 100-year-old, run-down home that is rumored to be haunted. On Saturday, I traveled with the JMU's Ghost Hunters to Haymarket, Va. to investigate. I went as an accomplice, feeling skeptical and had no idea what to expect.

It was about a two-hour drive from Harrisonburg; the house is owned by the family of JMU alumnus, Jonathan Reynolds.

The Reynolds' own another house close to the haunted house — this one was also thought to be haunted by the spirit of Jonathan's great grandmother, who used to live there. We used this house as a "base" of sorts — a warmer place to wait in between group shifts into the haunted house.

The first thing to do, after arriving at "base" was to go over the technology the club would use to perform its investigations. Thomas Harbour, a sophomore geology major and founder of the club, and Chelsey Adams, a sophomore political science major, went over the basic tools: K2s, which measure electromagnetic fields on a bar scale from green to red; EMFs, which also measure electromagnetic fields but give a decimal number; and a ghost meter, which accomplishes similar goals as the first two, but instead makes noise. The team also brought noise recorders and a small ball for the ghost to possibly move.

When we arrived at the location, the house looked just like what you would expect a haunted house to look like. It was run-down, decrepit; there was what was speculated to be a bullet hole in one of the front windows, and an abandoned bath tub on the front porch — I'm still not sure what that was doing there.

"I heard something right behind my head — it sounded like it was all around me, but as I turned around it ceased."

Thomas Harbour
Founder of JMU
Ghost Hunters

The Reynolds family showed us around the house and introduced us to other forms of ghost detectors that measure electromagnetic activity and temperature; the spirit box, which sweeps through radio stations — if a voice goes across multiple frequencies, it could be troubling; the ovilus, a phonetic generator that spirits can "use" to vocalize their thoughts and finally a night vision motion camera.

Following the tour of the house, the Reynolds debriefed me on its history — it was built in the '20s and has been in the Reynolds family since the '70s.

"There have been a couple of occurrences in this house," Jonathan's father,



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TOP The JMU Ghost Hunters meet in Warren Hall every Wednesday to plan investigations and discuss supernatural phenomenon. **BOTTOM** The house that the club investigated on Friday night was built in the 1920s and has a history of mysterious occurrences.

John Reynolds, said. "One woman who was living here in the '70s had a little girl who lived here. The mother was killed in a car accident just up the road from here. The first time we came investigating here, he used his ovilus and one of the first words said was 'Harrison.' That was the little girl and mother's last name. Other people who have lived here have seen the little girl."

In addition to the tale of the little girl, the Reynolds showed us an article about the murder of Mary Yowell, a woman who was accidentally shot by her husband in an altercation between him and two of their neighbors.

The Reynolds have had many experiences in the house, especially with the ovilus. Recently, they have heard "Mommy, award, tree" in succession, as well as "demon."

At the mention of "demon," shivers ran down my spine. I wasn't sure how this night was going to turn out.

To begin with, we separated into groups to explore different portions of the house. I went with the group assisting Jonathan. He began the hunt by asking questions and speaking to any ghosts that could be around, such as, "Knock on the wall — anything that will let us know that you're here."

Following a couple of questions, we heard some creaking sounds — almost like footsteps — coming from the corner of the room.

"I heard somebody walking," Jonathan Fulk, a sophomore computer science major, said. Another group that had been investigating the upstairs reported that they thought they had heard us moving around the basement, but none of us had



JOANNA MORELLI / THE BREEZE

been down there.

As the night wore on, things seemed to grow stranger.

Adams was particularly in tune with the happenings of the evening, and has a lot of experience with specters. She says she has been talking to ghosts since she was little.

"My mom tells a story that my imaginary friend when I was 3 was my brother, who was a stillborn. I've always been interested in the paranormal," Adams said.

All of the paranormal experiences seemed to circulate around Adams. At one point in the night, Adams received K2 readings that were the highest possible; the air was cooler around her, she moved the K2 up to a higher point and it would not go off, then back down only to receive the same high readings. Adams believes that the ghost of the little girl was standing

beside her.

Other members reported experiences with ghosts in the Reynolds' house as well.

"We were in the basement and heard lots of footsteps from the main floor, and one solid footstep from the upper floor," Harbour said. "We decided to go upstairs to check it out, and as I was bringing up the rear going up the stairs, I heard something right behind my head — it sounded like it was all around me, but as I turned around it ceased."

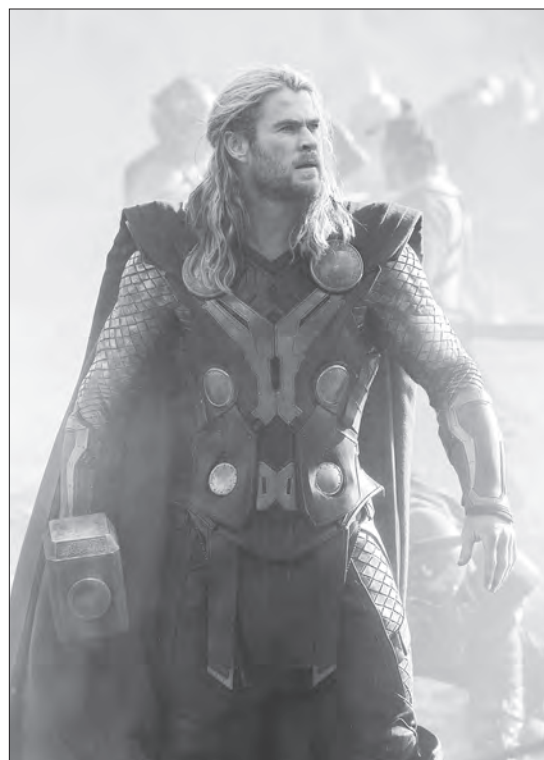
Leaving the house that evening, I definitely felt as if I had developed a new appreciation for ghost investigators; it's not always easy to remain calm when you can't explain what's happening around you.

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movie review

Thor strikes gold with sequel

Marvel hammers out winner with fantastic special effects and great plot in 'Thor: The Dark World'



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Thor (Chris Hemsworth) must save both Earth and his home planet, Asgard, in "Thor: The Dark World."

By **SCOTT JOHNSON**
The Breeze

Marvel's cinematic universe adds another notch to its belt as "Thor: The Dark World" proves that lightning can strike twice.

"Thor: The Dark World" picks up after the events of "The Avengers," where Thor (Chris Hemsworth) has been maintaining peace in the nine realms from war, while his brother Loki (Tom Hiddleston) was imprisoned for his crimes. Unbeknownst to them, a mysterious, ancient race, known as the Dark Elves, has awakened once again due to recent discoveries made on Earth by Jane Foster (Natalie Portman). After a devastating attack on his world, Asgard, Thor must work with his conniving brother to save Earth, Asgard and the rest of the universe from everlasting darkness.

"Thor: The Dark World"

★★★★☆

PG-13 120 min.

Starring Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, Natalie Portman

The sequel focuses on everything that made the first film fun and makes it better in every aspect. While the first Thor film spent more time developing Thor on Earth as "a fish-out-of-water story," the sequel really comes alive by focusing on the grand scale of space with several well-choreographed fight scenes.

Even though the characters move through so many big set pieces, there's never a moment where you will feel bored or out of the loop due to the sequel's fast pace. "Thor: The Dark World" also benefits from a genuinely stunning climax, when the characters fight in various parts of London, very akin to the game "Portal."

The series has been taken over by "Game of Thrones" director Alan Taylor, who brings a better sense of depth to Asgard by giving us more

time to look at the scenery and special effects. The film is a natural progression from the first because it manages to capture that same sense of lighthearted adventure like "The Avengers" without wasting time to establish elements within the Marvel universe.

I also noticed that "Thor: The Dark World" borrowed a lot of the "Iron Man" movies' good humor. Every character feels more comfortable in their roles, so they can deliver really smart, Joss Whedon-inspired dialogue peppered throughout the film. Some of the best parts of the movie are when Thor and Loki are snipping comments back at one another from their begrudging compromise.

On the subject of humor, one of the few problems I had with the film was the inclusion of Kat Dennings' character, Darcy Lewis. It seemed like they gave her more of an obnoxious prescience to ground down the Earth scenes, but like the first movie, she is unnecessary. "Thor" is already a funny enough movie that it doesn't need another comic relief character — especially one who isn't actually funny.

The other significant problem comes from the primary villain of the movie, Malekith the Accursed. He's more of a force of evil as opposed to being a true enemy with a personality compared to the ever-fascinating Loki. Throughout the film, the writers constantly tell us about how dangerous he is to the universe. While we can see that he's threatening, he just isn't compelling. It doesn't help that they wasted the talent of Christopher Eccleston ("Doctor Who") by having him scowl or talk in a modulated, alien language for most of the film.

"Thor: The Dark World" stands as one of those rare sequels that is a bigger and better than the original. Although I think it's a step below the first "Iron Man" and "The Avengers," that's not a knock against this film. If you love these characters, seeing this blockbuster in November is an absolute must.

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FOOTBALL (6-4)

'Comedy of errors'

Dukes lose again on the road, playoff picture gets cloudier

By HAYLEY THOMPSON
The Breeze

With the game plan foiled from the very first drive, the Dukes dropped their fourth road game this season with a 33-17 loss to the University of New Hampshire Wildcats on Saturday.

"The first drive of the game was just a comedy of errors by us," head coach Mickey Matthews said.

The Dukes allowed the Wildcats to swing right by them and score within the first three minutes. It took UNH junior quarterback Andy Vailas only four completions to advance from the UNH 25 and put the Wildcats into the end zone.

The Dukes were expecting to take advantage of Vailas who, according to UNH head coach Sean McDonnell, was not at 100 percent this weekend.

"We knew we had to protect the quarterback," McDonnell said. "We had to keep them off of him."

The Wildcats were not only prepared to thwart the Dukes' defense, but were prepared to shut down their offensive run game as well.

"Our inability to run the ball really surprised me," Matthews said. "We really thought we could run the ball, and we couldn't."

Redshirt senior running back Dae'Quan Scott, JMU's leading rusher, ended the game with just 63 yards rushing.

"When you can't run the ball and they know you're gonna throw it, there's nothing you can do," sophomore quarterback Michael Birdsong said.

Birdsong threw for 214 yards, and had only one touchdown with a three yard pass to redshirt senior wide receiver Quintin Hunter. He was sacked three times and his longest completed pass was only 33 yards.

"With play like that we're gonna lose to anybody in the league," Birdsong said. "If we can't protect, if we can't block, if we can't catch the ball, that's what's going to happen.

You got to win in the trenches."

Hunter was the star of Saturday's game, with more receiving yards than the rest of the team combined, including a 69-yard long pass, and the first 100-yard game of his career. The University of Virginia transfer scored both of JMU's touchdowns against UNH, and collected 139 yards on his seven receptions.

However, even Hunter's record-breaking performance wasn't enough to snuff out the Wildcats. Junior wide receiver R.J. Harris posted 183 yards and three touchdowns for UNH. A 52-yard pass from junior running back Nico Steriti to Harris completed the second scoring drive of the game just minutes before heading back to the locker room for halftime, and putting UNH up 14-0 over the Dukes.

The play was one the Wildcats said they had been practicing for weeks, and it wasn't until they faced the Dukes that there was an opportunity to make it happen.

On the JMU side of the ball, Hunter's showing was only surpassed (perhaps only in novelty) by Scott, who actually threw for more yards than he ran. Scott connected with Hunter early in the second half on a trick play, launching a 69-yard pass that Hunter carried into the end zone for JMU's first touchdown of the game.

But even if the Dukes had been able to run the ball, freshman cornerback Kwe'shon Williams — who has 43 tackles this season — was out of the game after suffering from a concussion against Villanova last week. JMU had 66 tackles total — the lowest since the loss at the University of Akron, and still three short of the loss at William & Mary two weeks ago. And the team struggled to penetrate UNH's line.

"[They] only had a couple sacks and only had a couple pressures," McDonnell said.

Redshirt senior cornerback Taylor Reynolds led the pack with 10 tackles.

To top it all off for the Dukes, senior place kicker Cameron Starke is still nursing a groin injury from a few weeks ago. After his



LAUREN GORDON / THE BREEZE

Birdsong was 24-43 for 214 yards passing with one touchdown and two interceptions Saturday.

first extra point attempt in the third quarter, he doubled over in what appeared to be extreme pain from his injury. He then went on to miss a 37-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, the play Matthews called the most important of the game.

The Dukes have now fallen to 3-3 in the CAA, 6-4 overall and remain winless on the road. When asked about playoff prospects, redshirt senior linebacker Stephon Robertson wasn't very optimistic.

"I'm a realist," he said. "I'm not gonna say no because of what happened today in our conference, but we just gotta go out and play."

Matthews is a little more hopeful.

"I think definitely now you could say we've got to win out to make it," Matthews said. "I'm sure you'd have a great shot at 8-4 especially that you've got to beat Towson. That would certainly help. But I didn't view this as an elimination game for us."

The Dukes return home Saturday for their last game in Bridgeforth Stadium this season. Kickoff against Stony Brook University is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Saturday is both Senior Day and Military Appreciation Day.

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in season openers
under Coach Brooks

from front

of their time on the glass, as they outscored UVa. 14-0 on second-chance points.

JMU had redshirt senior Nikki Newman back for her first game since breaking her foot at Duquesne University on Dec. 16. Though she spent a lot of time on the perimeter in her new small forward spot, at 6 feet, 2 inches the Harrisonburg native's size and presence was a welcome addition to the lineup.

"We're big, we're long, we're athletic. I thought it really bothered them a little bit, inside particularly, contesting shots," head coach Kenny Brooks said. "And then rebounding, we rebounded the ball extremely well tonight ... And that was the big difference in the basketball game."

Brooks said that he didn't plan to play Newman as much as he did, but she grabbed seven rebounds and hit a three-pointer, going 1-3 from the field, in 25 minutes of play — 18 of which were in the first half.

"I probably played her a little bit too many minutes [Friday night], she cramped up really bad," Brooks said. "So she couldn't play the last ... 10 minutes of the basketball game. We'll try to ease her way back into the rotation."

The Dukes are hopeful about a continued presence around the basket with junior forward Toia Giggetts, red-shirt sophomore guard Jazmon Gwathmey and redshirt junior center Lauren Okafor leading the way. Giggetts trailed only Burkholder with nine rebounds, while Gwathmey had six.

"We've got really good guards and now we've got good post play too," Brooks said.

Okafor, a transfer from Providence College, played in her first game for JMU Friday after sitting out last season because of transfer rules. She struggled with fouls and only played four minutes, but Brooks expects good things from Okafor, whose final two choices to transfer to were JMU and UVa.

"She's going to be a force for us before it's all over with," Brooks said. "She's been one of my best players in practice. And I think that's going to translate to the games once she gets comfortable."

Having already started to bite into the Cavaliers' early lead, and down by three with 12 minutes to play in the first half, JMU went on a 20-6 run over the next nine-and-a-half minutes to go up 29-18. Burkholder had 10 of those 20 points, but her overall performance came as no surprise to Brooks.

"It's nothing new. It's kind of crazy that Kirby's my two guard and Kirby scored 31 points her freshman year," Brooks said. "And here she is, she goes over the 1,000 point mark tonight. And to get 24 points and 16 rebounds and then your head coach doesn't even bat an eye, it means that you're a special player."

Burkholder hit the 1,000 point plateau on a free throw with three quarters of the way through the first half and then surpassed it with one of her four three-pointers a couple minutes later.

JMU is now 8-3 in season openers under Brooks. It's early, but the win was still a momentum boost moving forward.

"It's big, it's big," Brooks said. "You're playing the University of Virginia, and to come out and be able to win and win in this fashion, it's just big."

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Sophomore guard Ron Curry scored nine points and added four rebounds, four assists and three steals Friday. But the Dukes fell 61-41 to U.Va.

SOCCER | NCAA Selection Show this afternoon

from front

forward Hanna Terry, who had intercepted the ball in JMU's half and sealed the win.

The first goal of the game came for Northeastern just eight-and-a-half minutes into the first half. Redshirt junior midfielder Hannah O'Donnell's shot from the top of the box found its way to the bottom left corner after taking a deflection off of multiple players.

JMU responded with a goal of its own less than a minute later. Senior forward Lauren Wilson sped past the Northeastern defenders along the left flank, drawing junior goalkeeper Paige Burnett off her line. Wilson then played the ball across the box for Hyland to tap into an empty net.

The first half of the game was a very even affair, with both teams holding spells of

ball possession. Northeastern registered nine shots, forcing three saves and took three corner kicks. Meanwhile JMU had many chances as well, tallying six shots and two corners.

The tie was broken in the 25th minute by a goal from a Northeastern corner taken by Terry. The Huskies crowded sophomore goalie Ellen Forrest before the kick was taken, and when the ball came into the box, junior forward Lahaina Zoller was there to put away a rebound from a saved header.

With 17:30 left in the game, Lombardo made changes to try to get an equalizing goal. Forrest was replaced by junior goalkeeper Marlee Stynchula, who covers less ground in goal, but whose punts travel much farther. Lombardo also pushed Lofton and senior defender Becky Sparks forward so their

powerful shots could complement Hyland's and Wilson's speed.

Although the Dukes created more scoring opportunities with this lineup, their defense was left vulnerable and eventually allowed the Terry goal late in the game.

"Even when they scored in the beginning, I was like, 'This game's not over,'" Sparks said. "That's how we play every game."

Despite losing the conference final, the Dukes received a slew of awards for their efforts this season. Sparks was named CAA Defensive Player of the Year after leading a defense that had six shutouts on the season while also recording a team-high seven assists. Freshman forward Ashley Herndon earned CAA Rookie of the Year for her six goals, including four

game-winning goals and six assists on the season.

"I think we're a bubble team," Lombardo said. "We just have to hope people recognize our body of work. Fifteen wins is very significant."

The Dukes, who were ranked third in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Mid-Atlantic Regional poll for the week of Nov. 5, now wait until 4:30 p.m. today to find out their postseason fate. If they are selected, it will be their 11th NCAA tournament appearance in program history.

"It's our goal, I put it on our schedule every year," Lombardo said of an NCAA appearance. "It's not a wish and a prayer, it's something we aspire to and expect to be at."

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